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CAMPAIGN '96: FORBES REBOUNDS IN ARIZONA. GOV. WILSON NERVOUS ABOUT DOLE IN CALIF.

Editor's note: With millionaire publisher Steve Forbes' win in Arizona's Feb. 27th GOP presidential primary, he's back in the ballgame and adding more problems for Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and his Calif. supporters. Here's our analysis...

...Yes, Dole won the North & South Dakota primaries, but the news media was focused on Arizona, where Forbes, with a \$4 million paid TV effort, stopped the momentum of hardline conservative Pat Buchanan. Dole finished 2nd in Arizona, slightly ahead of Buchanan. Lamar Alexander finished a poor 4th...

...What does all this mean? Some insiders say GOP voters may now give Forbes a second look. And unless Alexander can pull off a win in So. Carolina on **Mar. 2nd**, it'll be *Lamar's Last Stand*. Dole and Buchanan also are running hard in S.C. Can Buchanan can go beyond 30% - which some think is his limit? Even more important will be Dole's effort. He's got to win here or like Alexander, he could be *toast*. Election calendar: **Mar. 5th** the New England States, plus Colorado & Georgia; **Mar. 7th** the big New York GOP primary and our sources think Forbes could ambush Dole here...

...How will this impact CA? Whenever Gov. Pete Wilson and his staff hear bad news about Dole's campaign, they change underwear. They are *very nervous* about Dole's prospects in CA. And if Dole doesn't win CA's winner-take-all GOP primary on **Mar. 26th**, Gov. Pete won't be leading CA's Republican delegation to San Diego's RNC nominating convention. And that's fine with some *Buchananites*, who have told CALPEEK this is their goal. The major problem now for Dole is **money**. He's up against the spending limit. Could Wilson help Dole with money in CA? Doubtful. What will

Dole do? Dole could **exceed** the spending limit and pay fines to the FEC --- and our sources think that's what he may end up doing...

...The latest Field Poll (290 likely Calif. GOP voters) shows Dole at 27%, Buchanan 18%, Alexander 16%, Forbes 12%, Keyes 3%, Lugar and Dornan 2% each, and 20% undecided. This poll was taken before Forbes' Arizona win. Moreover, the political landscape is shifting daily so by the time the GOP candidates hit Calif., the political situation could be totally different...

...In one-on-one matches (with a larger sample and with Demos & independents), the Field Poll shows Pres. Bill Clinton beating Dole by a margin of 53% to 37%; Clinton beats Forbes by 63% to 28%; Clinton beats Buchanan by 65% to 29%; and Clinton beats Alexander by 57% to 31% --- CBA instead of ABC. Stay tuned...

UPBEAT RESPONSE TO NEW CDP CHAIR TORRES.

Editor's note: Within 48-hours of his notification by CNN that he would be a co-host of *Crossfire*, Bill Press picked former State Sen. Art Torres to be the acting CA Democratic Party chair. It's mostly a positive spin on the selection of Torres, but there has been some grumbling. Here's our brief analysis...

...The grumbling isn't aimed at Torres, but at Press. Still most sources give the former CDP chairman good marks for selecting Torres to this almost full-time job. Our sources say Press never had a short list of possible successors (Torres was always #1) and initially cleared his selection with the White House & the DNC. Press then got an OK from other top CA Demo leaders...

...Ordinarily, the next in line to Press would have been Arlene Holt, but her job as a top labor leader with the AFL-CIO keeps her in DC much of the time --- thus

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she couldn't take over. CDP Vice Chair/North Angela Alioto and CDP Controller Tal Finney were not considered --- for different reasons...

...Thus the curtain is now down on Press' 3-yr. reign as chair. It wasn't very successful. He started his job in '93 by backing Michael Woo for L.A. mayor; suffered a disaster in '94; and was embarrassed by the Susan Henderson mess in '95. His skills were as a communicator, not an administrator or political guru...

...Sources say Torres will be confirmed by the CDP's Executive Board as party chair at the CDP's upcoming April 12-14 convention in L.A. And once he's confirmed he'll be the *first Hispanic* to hold this job. Torres takes over a party with a veteran staff led by Executive Director Kathy Bowler, CA Coordinated Campaign Co-Directors Steve Smith & Celia Fisher, plus Demo consultant Bob Mulholland and fundraising consultant Michelle Maravich (Sragow & Maravich)...

...In terms of money, the CDP is in trouble. Their big debt of \$2 million (stemming from the '94 campaign) has been reduced to \$600,000 -- but that's still lots of red ink facing Torres. Question: will the CDP have the funds for a late March slate featuring NO on 198 (Open Primary Initiative)??? Stay tuned...

CA INITIATIVE UPDATE: CAMPAIGN REFORM MAKES NOVEMBER BALLOT. ANTI-CCRI GROUP IS FORMED.

Editor's note: Lots of news on the initiative front to report. Here's our update...

- **Campaign Reform Qualifies** - The initiative measure backed by Common Cause, the League of Women Voters and United We Stand has qualified for the Nov. 5th ballot. *Californians for Political Reform*, the official title of the support group, turned in 708,704, of which 544,662 were valid. They needed 433,269 to qualify. For info ☎(916)444-0834...

- **Anti-CCRI Group Formed** - Anticipating that the CA Civil Rights Initiative(CCRI) will qualify for the November ballot, the Feminist Majority, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and the YWCA-USA have formed an umbrella opposition campaign known as *Women Won't Go Back - The Campaign to Save Women's Rights & Civil Rights*. The campaign has hired Shrum, Devine & Donilon as media consultants and Patricia

Ewing is the overall campaign mgr. Temporary L.A. HQ w/☎(213)651-0495...

- **Open Primary Update** - the latest campaign reports show YES on 198 with \$99,199 cash-on-hand and still no report from the NO side, meaning their fundraising is non-existent. Orange Co.-based Forde & Mollrich handled the kickoff news conference for NO on 198 in late January, but are no longer involved. Bottomline: the YES side, with a lead in the polls and money in the bank, could win in March...

Update on Initiatives Trying to Qualify for Nov. 5th

- **On Target for November** - The following appear to be in good shape and should qualify for the Nov. 5th ballot: 1) CCRI - just turned in more than 1 million signatures; 2) Jarvis/Gann III - voter approval needed for local govt. taxes; has close to 700,000 signatures with 4 more weeks to go; 3) Attorney-Client Fee Arrangements - the 2nd initiative sponsored by Consumer Attorneys of CA; and 4) Uninsured Motorists & Drunk Drivers - sponsored by Insurance Comm. Chuck Quackenbush; already has 420,000 signatures of the 433,269 required...

- **Maybe -- Maybe Not** - The following appear to be somewhat *iffy* -- either because of time or funding problems: 1) Minimum Wage Increase, sponsored by the CA Labor Federation; 2) Flat Income Tax - they're on the street with both Kelly Kimball and Mike Arno collecting names, but time is running short; they could also shoot for the '98 ballot; 3) Design & Engineering Services - sponsored by Prof. Engineers in CA Govt.; it should qualify; 4) Felonies Involving Firearms - aka the "10-20-Life" initiative sponsored by Mike Reynolds of 3-Strikes fame; money is tight, but the cmt. has just hired petition mgr. Mike Arno; 5) Top Income Tax Brackets - close but it may make it; 6) Gambling - aka The Gaming Control Act - sponsored by developer Mark Bragg; would allow slots in 3 Palm Springs card clubs; a close call; and 7) Schools. Spending Limits on Administration - aka the "95-5" Initiative, with L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan and U.S. Rep. Howard Berman as co-chairs, is on the street with Progress Campaigns managing the signature drive...

- **Initiatives No Longer Circulating** - Off the street

are the following: 1) Non-unanimous jury verdicts (often called the "10-2" initiative); 2) Limits on Public Display of Marine Mammals (aka "Free Willy III"); 3) Tobacco Taxes for Schools - sponsored by Children's Rights 2000 - being redrafted for circulation in '98; 4) Tobacco & Alcohol Taxes for Schools - sponsored by Mike Roos of LEARN - being redrafted; 5) Resolution on the U.S. Constitution re: Immigration - aka "Son of 187"; and 6) Preserving Minority, Women, Disabled Programs in Public Contracting - officially withdrawn. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '96: CA STATE ASSEMBLY PRIMARIES.

Editor's note: In this update we'll take a brief look at six(6) Assembly primaries where the leading contenders are **familiar names** - as in former members of the Assembly. Here's our update & analysis...

☒ **19th A.D.** - This is the San Mateo Co. district where former Assemblyman Lou Papan (known in the old days as *The Enforcer*) seems to be the frontrunning Demo against businessman David Mandelkern and Daly City Councilwoman Madolyn Agrimonti. There was **no CDP** endorsement in the 19th A.D., but Papan is supported by the CTA, the area's Labor Council, plus U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo. Papan has \$98,000 cash-on-hand, but has debts too. Mandelkern just got hit with a very negative story in the S.F. Chronicle about his residency from 1990-94. The Mandelkern campaign says it's much ado over nothing. He's got c-o-h of \$40,000 and has been endorsed by JOBS/PAC and Santa Clara Co. Sup. Ron Gonzales. Will a fresh face take out *The Enforcer*? The Papan/Mandelkern campaigns think Agrimonti runs 3rd, but she is the only woman and women make up a majority in a Demo primary...

☒ **21st A.D.** - Another well known former Assemblyman is Ted Lempert(D), now a San Mateo Co. Supervisor. He doesn't have a primary challenger and will face GOPer Ted Lalotis of Los Altos Nov. 5th...

☒ **38th A.D.** - Former Assemblyman Tom McClintock(R) is running for office for the 3rd time since leaving the Assembly in '92. This time he's trying to win the OPEN 38th A.D. The GOP primary winner will be elected in November. Polling data by Meta Information Services of Sacto for McClintock shows him with 73% soft name ID. In a one-on-one match with his 5 GOP opponents, McClintock is on top with 31%, followed

by Bob Larkin at 7%, retired Dep. Sheriff Bob Hamlin at 5%, Steve Frank, Peggy Freeman and Ross Hopkins all at 2% - with a large undecided. The poll of 300 likely GOP voters was taken Feb. 15. A late January poll by Charlton Research for Hopkins showed McClintock at 24%, with Hopkins at 6%. Same sample size. Name ID is critical, so an edge to McClintock...

☒ **80th A.D.** - Another familiar face is former Assemblyman Steve Clute(D-Riverside), who has no primary opponent. Clute will face GOP freshman Assemblyman Jim Battin in November...

☒ **1st A.D.** - The familiar face in this OPEN seat is former Assemblyman/Congressman Doug Bosco, who faces 3 other Demos --- Gualala businesswoman Karen Scott, teacher Virginia Strom-Martin and pulp mill worker Richard Marks. Bosco was in the Assembly from 1978-82 and served in the U.S. House from 1982-90, when Frank Riggs(R) knocked him off. Bosco tried a comeback in '94, but failed in his attempt to win back his congressional seat. Most rate him as the frontrunner based on his name ID...

☒ **55th A.D.** - Finally there is former Assemblyman Dick Floyd of Gardena, who is a veteran of many wars, having served in the Assembly from 1980-92. In '92 he was forced out of his old district and lost in a 3-way primary to Juanita McDonald. And in case it slipped your mind, Floyd was the author of the motorcycle helmet law. But Floyd may have his hands full with Water District Board member Keith McDonald, son of Juanita. There are two other Demos in the race: Carl Robinson and Joseph Mendez Jr. Our sources give a slight edge to Floyd. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '96: CALIF. STATE SENATE PRIMARIES.

Editor's note: Here's an update on 2 State Senate primaries. Here's our brief analysis...

☒ **21st S.D.** - Although there are 4 Republicans in this battle to replace Newt Russell(R), most sources now see this GOP primary between Pasadena businessman Bob Oltman and GOP Assemblywoman Paula Boland - now renting in Glendale. She has endorsements from 11 GOP senators (Sen. Dick Mountjoy is NOT one of them, but GOP Leader Rob Hurtt is). Boland also has a ton of law enforcement support. Oltman won the endorsement of the CRA and has lots

of local support. Recently he picked up the endorsement of Ron Prince --- co-chair of Prop. 187. It's a great endorsement, but there's some confusion about Oltman's stand on 187. At two different Republican Women Federated meetings, Oltman said he voted against 187. Yet his literature says: *He supported Prop. 187 and opposes granting citizenship to children born of two illegal immigrants in our county.* Why would he tell people he supports 187, but voted against the initiative? Very confusing indeed and Paula is yelling *Flip-Flop*...

☒ **35th S.D.** - State Sen. Ross Johnson(R-Irvine) faces retired Assemblyman Gil Ferguson of Newport Beach in a ***bitter rematch*** left over from 1995, when Johnson beat both Ferguson and ex Assemblywoman Doris Allen(R-Cypress) in a low turnout special to fill the vacant 35th S.D. Ferguson was underfunded and Allen drained votes away - thus Johnson won. Had Ferguson had money, he would have made Johnson's carpetbagging the key issue. Johnson is still not that well known in the 35th S.D., whereas Ferguson still has residual name ID. And then there's Measure S on the local Orange Co. ballot. It would overturn Measure A from 1994. Subject: land use at El Toro Marine Air Station once the Leathernecks leave. Measure A would leave El Toro as a large international airport. Ferguson is out front with his YES on S stand. Johnson is MIA. The turnout in southern O.C. will be high and this is considered Ferguson turf. Yet Ferguson's key problem remains: limited funding. Not much mail so far, but Johnson's first piece hit the other day with Gov. Pete Wilson on the front. Hummmm. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK's INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

■ **Clinton/Gore '96 - CA Update** - Add another name to the list of Demos under consideration to head the C/G '96 reelection drive in Calif.: campaign mgr. Vicki Rideout. She's got lots of experience (Dukakis, Van de Kamp, DiFi, Woo) and is close to consultant Bill Carrick, who is expected to have a major policy & strategy role in the C/G Calif. '96 effort...

■ **Card Club Madness** - In an effort to cure the "madness" part of card club expansion, Senate Pres. Pro Tem Bill Lockyer(D-Hayward) has introduced SB

1887 - a bill which would create a Division of Gaming Control within the CA DOJ. The 70-member division would audit and check on card clubs, their owners and employees. SB 1887 also would set up an appellate board to hear appeals. The bill also extends the current moratorium from 3 to 5 years --- banning new card club elections in various cities & counties. AG Dan Lungren(R) is a co-sponsor of this bill, which marks the first time Lockyer & Lungren have seen eye-to-eye on this issue. No hearing as yet, but SB 1887 will be referred to the G.O. Cmt...

VICA TO HOST CANDIDATES' FORUM ON MAR. 15.

The Valley Industry & Commerce Assn.(VICA) will host a candidates' forum at VICA's general membership meeting on Mar. 15th. The 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. forum & luncheon, Airtel Plaza Hotel, Van Nuys. Public is invited. Cost \$25. Candidates for congressional, legislative and local offices have been invited. For info & RSVPs ☎ (818)888-9337...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A sad note: Former CA Supreme Court Justice Frank C. Newman, 78, died Feb. 18. He served on the court from 1977-82. R.I.P...

● Jimmy Hoffa Jr. has named consultant Tom Hall (The Maverick Group) as his Western regional campaign director in his election to oust current Teamsters President Ron Carey this coming November...

● Sacto area Assemblywoman Barbara Alby and Santa Cruz County GOP Chair Tim Morgan have been elected as the Republican Committeewoman and Committeeman for Calif...

● Pamela Boyd Williams has been hired by the CA Retailers Assn. as VP of Govt. Relations...

● Consultant Christopher Nelson has move way up north -- to Anchorage. New address: 2900 Boniface Pkwy., Ste. 521, Anchorage, AK 99504...

● James R. Sutton, 32, has been named a partner of the Nielsen, Merksamer et al law firm. Sutton specializes in political & election law...